sharing of intelligence inputs, and providing assistance of para military forces on need basis etc. have been taken by the Coordination Centre and effectively followed-up.

CPML-People's War (PW) and Maoist Communist Centre (MCC) and their formations and front organizations have been notified as Terrorist Organizations under the provisions of the Prevention of Terrorism (Second) Ordinance, 2001 to enable the States to take effective action.

Training to Home Guards to Tackle Emergency Situation

677. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Home guards are being trained for war or to tackle emergency situation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to upgrade their equipments to meet any kind of emergency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAM1): (a) to (c) Home Guards generally serve as an auxiliary to the police and assist in maintaining law and order. They also assist the community in emergencies like fire, floods, epidemic etc., for which they are imparted Basic, Refresher, Advanced and Leadership training. The equipment authorised to them is adequate and needs no revision at this stage.

Communal Riots in Kerala

678. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent (after 2000) communal riots in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details of victims affected by those riots including loss of life and property;

(c) the details of action taken to rehabilitate the victims of the riots;

(d)whether the Kerala Government has requested for any grant for rehabilitating the riot victims;